



## Washington State Legislature

December 9, 2011

The Honorable Christine Gregoire  
Governor of the State of Washington  
Office of the Governor  
416 Sid Snyder Ave SW, Suite 200  
PO Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

RE: Consortium to construct new 144-car ferry (URGENT, time-sensitive request)

Dear Governor Gregoire:

As legislators with constituents and constituent businesses in the Tacoma area, we wrote Secretary Hammond in June to remind her of the explicit actions of the legislature and of your own personal involvement in securing an agreement by three shipyards – Todd Pacific (Seattle), Martinac (Tacoma), and Nichols Brothers (Whidbey) – to participate in a consortium to begin building a new, 144-car ferry. Long delayed, it is important to all our ferry communities that construction of the first boat, which has been fully funded by the legislature, begin immediately.

The concerns which led to our June letter are now urgent. As we understand it, a recent letter from Vigor (the privately held, Portland-based successor to Todd Pacific) informs consortium partner Martinac that they are to be dropped from the consortium effective Tuesday, December 13. As we understand it, that letter and corroborating information from various industry contractors indicates that Vigor plans to move the Martinac work – originally scoped to be about 25% of the total work package – to a Vigor-owned shipyard with some of the work to be done by workers imported from Portland, Oregon. This would appear to controvert our build-in-Washington policy.

As you know, Martinac is a third-generation shipbuilder with a highly skilled workforce currently delivering a series of large, high-tech tugboats to the U.S. Navy. The Navy has repeatedly praised Martinac for exceptionally high quality, cost-conscious work.

We ask your immediate, personal intervention to assure that the specific intent of the legislature and of your own negotiations creating the consortium are carried out. This means well over one hundred good jobs in Pierce County alone and the continued viability of our state's shipbuilding industry.

At our invitation, Pierce County Executive McCarthy joins us in this request.

Sincerely,

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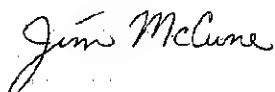
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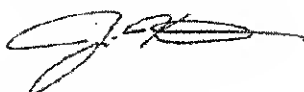
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Encl: June 29<sup>th</sup> letter

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June 29, 2011

Paula Hammond  
Secretary of Transportation  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
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Olympia, WA 98504-7300

RE: Consortium to construct new 144-car ferry

Dear Secretary Hammond:

As legislators with constituents and businesses in the Tacoma area, we look forward to what is understood to be an announcement of the beginning of construction of a new 144-car class of ferries by a consortium of Washington state shipbuilders. Recalling the explicit actions by the legislature to authorize a consortium and by the Governor to secure agreement by Todd Pacific, Martinac, and Nichols to form that consortium, we look forward to the Department continuing to take the lead in seeing this innovative approach result in an early start of building our next major series of ferries.

We await the details of the contract budget and building plan.

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